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SUBJECT: IRANIAN SEIZURE: DELAVIZ NAROU ET AL

SUMMARY: ON 25 DEC 73, IN THE VICINITY OF KASHAN, IRAN
GOI NATIONAL POLICE NARCOTICS DIVISION (NPN) FROM
TEHRAN SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 4.3 TONS OF OPIUM, SUSPECTED
AFGHAN ORIGIN, FROM AN IRANIAN REGISTERED TRUCK.
FOLLOWING IRANIAN NATIONALS WERE ARRESTED: DELAVIZ
NAROU, ALIAS ENGINEER, SMUGGLING OPERATION HEAD;
BAGHER SADE GHIAN, NAROU'S ASSISTANT; HASAN BABA
PANAHI, DRIVER OF THE SEIZED TRUCK; HABIB REZAIAN,
ASSISTANT DRIVER OF THE SEIZED TRUCK. INVESTIGATION
CONTINUING. THIS IS LARGEST OPIUM SEIZURE EVER MADE
BY NATIONAL POLICE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN EARLY OCTOBER 1973, NATIONAL POLICE NARCOTICS
DIV. (NPN) RECEIVED CI INFORMATION RE: DELAVIZ NAROU,
IRANIAN NATIONAL, TEHRAN RESIDENT, COORDINATING AN ILLICIT
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OPIUM SHIPMENT TO IRAN. ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION WAS

SKETCHY, AN INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED. DURING OCTOBER, NAROUT'S VEHICLE, RESIDENCE, HANGOUTS AND SOME ASSOCIATES WERE IDENTIFIED. DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER THREE WIRE INTERCEPTS WERE INSTALLED ON TELEPHONES USED BY NAROUI.

2. WIRE INTERCEPTS UNCOVERED THE FOLLOWING. NAROUI PLANNED TO PURCHASE APPROXIMATELY FOURT AND A HALF TONS OF OPIUM FROM HADJI SADJERA, RESIDENT OF KHANDEHAR AFGHANISTAN FOR ONE MILLION TOMANS (APPROX \$148,000 US). HADJI WAS FINANCIALLY BACKED BY SEVERAL LARGE-SCALE IRANIAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS WHO OPERATED FROM CITIES LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF IRAN. HADJI TRAVELLED TO MESHED TO DELIVER MENTIONED PAYMENT. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHO THE MESHED RECIPIENT WAS. UPON RETURNING FROM MESHED, HADJI CONTACTED TRUCK DRIVER HASAN BABA PANAHI, AND DRIVER ASSISTANT HABIB REZAIAN, IRANIAN NATIONALS RESIDING IN TEHRAN.

3. ONCE IDENTIFIED, THE DRIVERS WERE PUT UNDER VISUAL SURVEILLANCE. THE TRUCK, THE TRAP (LARGE PACKING CRATE) AND A TEHRAN LOCATION TO BE USED IN THE SMUGGLING OPERATION WERE IDENTIFIED.

4. ON THE MORNING OF 25 DEC., MENTIONED TRUCK CONTAINING PANAHI AND REZAIAN LEFT TEHRAN FOR THE OUTSKIRTS OF KASHAN UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE OF TWO NPN OFFICERS. NAROUI ALSO LEFT TEHRAN FOR KASHAN BUT WAS LOST BY SURVEILLANCE OFFICERS. UPON ITS ARRIVAL, THE TRUCK WAS MET BY FIVE JEEP STATION WAGONS CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 20 TO 25 ARMED BALUCH TRIBESMEN. WITHIN A SHORT TIME THE OPIUM WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE STATION WAGONS TO THE TRAP LOCATED IN THE TRUCK. UPON TRANSFER THE TRIBESMEN WERE GIVEN FOUR 55-GAL DRUMS OF GASOLINE WHICH THEY LOADED INTO THEIR JEEPS AND DEPARTED FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATIONS. ARRESTS WERE NOT MADE AT THIS TIME DUE TO LACK OF MANPOWER. ON SAME EVENING TRUCK CONTAINING THE OPIUM WAS SEIZED AND THE DRIVERS ARRESTED AT GHOM APPROXIMATELY 80 KM FROM KASHAN. ON 26 DEC NAROUI AND HIS ASSISTANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BAGHER SADEGHIAN WERE ARRESTED.

5. ON 26 DEC, NOLAN INTERVIEWED INVESTIGATIVE OFFICERS AND INTERROGATED THOSE ARRESTED. PANAHI WAS ONLY DEFENDANT WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION. PANAHI RELATED THE FOLLOWING. THE OPIUM WAS SMUGGLED BY BALUCH CAMEL CARAVANS EITHER FROM AFGHANISTAN OR PAKISTAN TO THE VICINITY OF ZAHEDAN, IRAN (AFGHANISTAN, IRAN AND

PAKISTAN BORDERS MEET APPROXIMATELY 50 KM FROM ZAHEDAN)
WHERE IT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE MENTIONED JEEPS.
THE JEEPS THEN PROCEEDED OVER DESERT ROADS TO THE VICINITY
OF KASHAN WEHRE THE TRANSFER WAS MADE. THE MENTIONED
DESERT ROADS ARE RARELY PATROLLED OR USED ACCORDING TO NPN.
NPN INFORMED NOLAN THEY SUSPECTED SEIZED OPIUM WAS FOR IRANIAN
CONSUMPTION.
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